

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-19 and 24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 13, 18 and 24 are amended and claim 12 is cancelled. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kobayashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,014,649, in view of Chenevich et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0111886. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "the payment media action comprises at least one of a payment media pickup redirect action and a payment media deposit redirect action, each of which direct the operator to another cash handling apparatus to complete the payment media operation." Independent claims 18 and 24 recite similar features. In rejecting cancelled claim 12, the Office Action cites Kobayashi at col. 5, line 32 to col. 6, line 65.

Applicants respectfully assert that the cited portion of Kobayashi, as well as the entirety of Kobayashi, fails to teach or suggest either a payment media pickup redirect action or a payment media deposit redirect action. Kobayashi generally teaches a mobile cart 2 that moves between ATMs 1 to balance the number of bills between the ATMs 1. There is no teaching or suggestion of a payment media redirect action or a payment media deposit redirect action. And, even if these actions were disclosed in Kobayashi, which Applicants do not admit, there is no teaching or suggestion that these payment media actions direct an operator to another cash handling apparatus. Simply, there is no teaching or suggestion that the operator is directed to another device.

Further, Applicants respectfully assert that one of ordinary skill in the art could not reasonably interpret Kobayashi as suggesting these features because the purpose of Kobayashi is to prevent such payment media actions. By constantly optimizing the number of bills within the ATMs 1, one of ordinary skill in the art would clearly understand that Kobayashi intends to prevent a user from being forced to go to another ATM.

Thus, Kobayashi fails to suggest the above referenced features of claim 1.

Independent claims 18 and 24 contain similar features to those discussed above with respect to claim 1 and are therefore also patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 13 recites "the step of automatically determining the possibility of performing the requested payment media operation is performed based on at least one of a group of rules stored in a lookup table, instructions provided for a retail store, and instructions provided by an entity other than a retail store, wherein a retail store includes one or more of at least a single store, multiple stores, one or more third party concession stands located within a single store and two or more stores located within a mall." The rejection of claim 13 appears to be premised upon Kobayashi teaching or suggesting real time analysis. Real time analysis has been deleted from claim 13. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that Kobayashi fails to teach or suggest all of the features of claim 13.

Claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-17 and 19 are patentable by reason of their dependency from one of independent claims 1 and 18, as well as for the additional features they recite.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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